

To the Appropriations Committee:

I'm writing to ask that, as the Appropriations Committee struggles in making determinations on funding for agencies with a very tight budget, you make sure the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDS) is fully funded to help families with children with disabilities. My wife, Molly, and I have close friends with children that have conditions that will warrant supervision throughout their lives. These families, like so many other families with children in similar straits, need help from DDS to make sure their children will be cared for through adult care programs and supportive housing.

I hope you will do everything possible to make sure that any budget cuts do not fall disproportionately on DDS and its programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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